



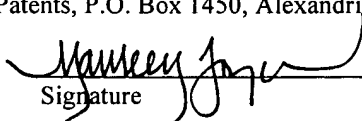
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Dear Sir:

RESPONSE TO ELECTION REQUIREMENT

In response to the Election Requirement dated October 1, 2003, the applicants request reconsideration.

The Patent Office requests that the applicants elect a species from among several delineated by the Patent Office on the basis of figures. The Patent Office requests that the applicants make an election, and then list all claims "readable on" the elected species.

The applicants deem this election requirement to be improper, since many of the claims (for example, method claim 1), would not be properly deemed "readable" on any of the figures upon which the requirement is based (although claim 1 is, of course, supported under §112 by the specification and figures, as are all figures). If the Patent Office disagrees, then it is respectfully requested that the Patent Office explain how method claims could be readable on these figures, in a way that would allow the applicants to elect from among all method claims (which they should be entitled to do).

The applicants wish to propose that the following claims form a group for search and examination, together, at first instance:

Independent claims 45, 55, 79, and 96 and their dependent claims defining, as a group, claims 45-79 and 96-102.

It is believed that a single search and examination relating to these claims would not place undue burden on the Patent Office.

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